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In Poets as true Genius is but rare,
True taſte as ſeldom is the Critics ſhare.
Pope's Eſſay on Criticiſm.

IT is a happineſs peculiar to the Gentlemen of our Society, that whatever they publiſh meets with a good reception; if the account thereof, given by themſelves or their book-ſellers, may be depended upon, who are certainly beſt qualified to give it. Scarce any of their works, whether originals or tranſlations, pamphlets or poems, but ſoon after their firſt appearance in the world, make a ſecond; occaſioned, either by the demand of the Public, or the care of the book-ſeller: in whoſe power it is at any time to convert the firſt into the ſecond edition with large additions, without any manner of alteration, except in the title page.

When a Play is to appear upon the Stage, the Town is generally prepared for it by ſome particular account of its excellency, printed in ſome of the news Papers, either by the Author himſelf, or by ſome particular Friend. While it is in action, the Audience is magnified from time to time, in the like accounts: and whatever it is in the Play-houſe, it is always *repreſented* in the Coffee-houſe to a numerous Audience. When it comes to be printed, if by the good management of a party it has been kept upon the Stage, with indifferent ſucceſs for ſeveral nights, the Author is ſo grateful, as publickly to *thank the Town for their great indulgence*, and to make his *acknowledgments* to ſome of the principal Actors, *for* their *extream civility, care, and excellent performance*. If it have but juſt eſcaped being damned and hiſſed off the Stage, the Patron is then aſſured by the Author, that *the approbation of the rational and unprejudiced part of the Town has ſtamped ſome kind of value upon it*. Soon after this it dies, lamented chiefly by the Book-ſeller; and none of thoſe Friends who were ſo kind as to celebrate its birth, ſhew any ſigns of grief at its death, or bewail its untimely fate, either in an Elegy, or an Epitaph. Thus it would become, in three months ſpace, as unknown, and forgotten, as if it had died threeſcore years ago; did not the Ghoſt of it appear in Shops, and upon Stalls, for ſome time after, to the terror both of Book-ſellers and Authors, 'till *layed* by that ſucceſsful Compoſer of *reſtleſs Spirits*, Mr. JAMES JONES, Waſte-paper Merchant near Smithfield. But the ſhort life which the Compoſitions of our Fraternity injoy, is compenſated in ſome meaſure, by the loudneſs and extent of their fame while alive: for, like the diſploſion of a *blunderbuſs* at random, they cauſe people to gape and ſtare for a good while at they know not what, while they wonder at the diſturbance raiſed in the air by flaſh, noiſe, ſmoak, and ſtench.

And if the Works of our private Members are attended with ſo much eclat, it is no wonder that the weekly Memoirs of our Society have been ſo well received by the learned and polite part of the Town; which immediately entered into the deſign of their publication. But ſince the generality of our Readers have not the ſame penetration; and if they had, ſince our firſt Journal, which gives an account of our deſign, is not now to be had; it may not be improper to ſay ſomewhat more explicitely of it in this, in order to make it the more univerſally underſtood.

It conſiſts of two parts: a Letter, or an Eſſay upon ſome learned ſubject; and an exact account of all the moſt remarkable news, both domeſtic and foreign.

Our chief aim in the former is to reform the taſte of the generality of Readers, which is very much depraved: inſomuch that for one perſon who writes ill, there are at leaſt twenty who judge amiſs.

Ill writers and ill judges of writing, (like ignorant Doctors and Apothecaries) conſpire to promote each others buſineſs, to the detriment of the Public; tho' the latter are much more blameable than the former, ſince theſe read out of choice, whereas many of thoſe write out of neceſſity. And could the palate of Readers be once cured, ſo as to reliſh ſuch food of the mind as is wholeſome and nutritive, they would nauſeate and reject all that traſh, which not only palls the rational appetite, and hurts the eyes of the underſtanding, but likewiſe corrupts and depraves the mind, and fills it with a complication of diſeaſes. By this means the Retailers of lewd and vicious nonſenſe would be ſoon obliged to take up with ſome other employment, if not uſeful, yet however leſs prejudicial, to the Public.

As our deſign, being levelled againſt ſtupidity, and chiefly wicked ſtupidity, muſt be owned to be in itſelf commendable: ſo in the execution of it we ſhall conduct our ſelves without any partiality, either towards parties of men, or private perſons; nor ſhall ever deſignedly inſert any thing by way of reflection upon either, without ſufficient grounds. And if any thing of that nature ſhou'd happen through inadvertency or miſ information, as ſoon as ever we are better informed, the retractation ſhall be made as public as the reflection.

To ſhew that we have hitherto acted with ſuch impartiality, it will not be improper to give two or three inſtances.

At the beginning of the laſt month, we received a letter, together with a copy of verſes, reflecting upon MR. WILKS and MR. CIBBER, for rejecting *Timoleon*, and bringing *Sophonisba* upon the Stage: which copy, ending with theſe two lines,

Their curſes freed TIMOLEON *from the grave;*
But miracles muſt SOPHONISBA *ſave.*

was printed in the *Morning Poſt*, and in *Fog's Journal*. But we thought proper to decline inſerting any thing, which might unjuſtly reflect upon two ſuch eminent perſons, both of them famous Actors, and one an antient and illuſtrious Member of our Society. For at that time, there was no viſible reaſon to condemn their united judgment in preferring one of thoſe Tragedies to the other; nor has the learned TIM BIRCH, the Author of the *Criticiſm on the new Sophonisba*, advanced any thing ſince in prejudice to their judgment.

Tho' we wonder at the wit and learning of this Author; yet we cannot approve of his conduct in printing a *Criticiſm* upon a Play, before it was publiſhed; and inſerting in that *Criticiſm* verſes and pieces of verſes of his own making, and then reflecting on them as being in the Tragedy. Such great Wits ſhould never truſt their memories in things of this nature; and ſhould employ their invention not in the Text, but only in the Comment.

A pretended *Defence of the new Sophonisba, in anſwer to a Criticiſm on that Play, by a Friend of the Author's*, has appeared ſince the publication of the Tragedy. That by a *Friend of the Author's* is meant a *Friend of the Author* of the Criticiſm, is very probable from the ſtile and manner, which are exactly the ſame in both pamphlets. For a Perſon to write pro and con, or to anſwer himſelf, is a common practice among the Grub-ean Gentlemen: but it is not to be raſhly undertaken by young Cadets in Polemics, being an enterprize proper only for Veterans, who are perfect in their exercice, who know all the contrary motions to the right, and to the left, and can handle readily all ſorts of offenſive and defenſive weapons.

However, this Gentleman's zeal is commendable, in endeavouring to expoſe an Author, who will probably be a profeſt enemy to our Society, of which by this critical performance he himſelf ſeems to be qualified to be a member; which honour may be one day conferred upon him. But at preſent it will be delayed, on the account of a paſſage in the *Criticiſm*, p. 20. *I ſhrewdly ſuſpect the Author's honeſty, I fear he has been filching; it ſmells ſo rank of* LONDON-BRIDGE *and* GRUB-STREET.

This the Society reſented as a very unjuſt aſperſion; there being no manner of communication in a learned way between *Grub-ſtreet* and *London-Bridge*. And a Gentleman, who had been abroad, ſaid, that the Critic had certainly in his mind the *Pont neuf* at *Paris*, where the Works of the *Grub-ſtreet* Society in that City are ſung and ſold. But Mr. *Mævius*, who has a good deal of fire, (which all Poets ought to have) could not contain himſelf any longer, ſaying, He was informed, that the name of the Author of the *Criticiſm* was SMALL-BIRCH, and that of the Author of the *Defence* SMALL-BROOK; whom from the ſimilitude of their names, as well as of their natures, he imagined to be one and the ſame Perſon. On this occaſion, he ſaid he had made two extempore Diſticks, to ſhew how well they *brook'd* their names, which with Mr. Preſident's leave, (who, he knew, did not much approve that ſort wit, tho' ſeveral of the Members then preſent did) he would repeat.

So ſmall the Birch, *with which thou ſtrik'ſt our Foe;*
Unhurt, unmov'd, he never feels the blow.
So ſmall thy Brook *of wit, it runs with pain,*
Cold, ſhallow, muddy, murm'ring through the plain.

I ſhall give another inſtance of our impartiality, by printing a Letter, written in anſwer to that of ZOILUS, concerning a new Edition of MILTON, which was printed in our Journal, Numb. IX. on the 5th of this month.

SIR,

IF you think there are no corruptions in the Engliſh Poets, and conſequently no Emendations to be made, as in the Greek and Latin, let me tell you, you are wrong. I imagine you are of that opinion, becauſe you write booty, and produce ſham various Lections upon MILTON, when you might have given us hundreds of true ones, if you had read that excellent Poet with care and underſtanding, and compared all the Editions of him with one another. Certainly the laſt Edition by Tonſon is full of horrid hallucinations, and requires the *manus medica* of a good Critic, as much as Horace or Terence. If the Dr. whom you are pleaſed to call Zoilus, ſhould publiſh his corrections of MILTON, you wou'd ſee how far that Author is from being *clean*. Is it not plain, from Pope's Edition of Shakeſpear, and Theobald's Remarks and Emendations, which are moſt of them certain, that poor Shakeſpear is in a worſe condition, and fuller of falſe readings than any of the Antients? If there was half as much nonſenſe and abſurdity in Ariſtophanes or Sophocles, as is yet to be found, after all Pope's and Theobald's labours, in almoſt every page of Shakeſpear, I am ſure they would be far from deſerving the admiration and praiſes they have had for ſo many ages. I am told, that the Dr. you mention has ſeveral hundreds of Emendations upon MILTON. If they are half of them as good as one I have lately heard in converſation, an edition from that reforming hand of his, would pleaſe every body. Where MILTON has, * *ſmelling gourd*, the Dr. Corrects it, *ſwelling gourd:* undoubtedly right; for the gourd has little or no ſmell, ſurely not enough to have the epithet of *ſmelling*. Indeed the Melon has a fine high ſmell, and the epithet might have been tolerated there. Then the Dr. ſhews from PROPERTIUS that MILTON writ *ſwelling*;

Cæruleus cucumis, tumidoque *cucurbita ventre.*

Which verſe our Poet muſt neceſſarily have had before his eyes, when he called the gourd, *ſwelling*. Its known to every body, that the *cucurbita* belies out ſtrangely as it grows; and St. Jerom very quaintly calls the belly of a Jug, *cucurbita vaſculi*. I find alſo in Salmuth upon Pancirollus *de rebus deperditis*, that formerly the *Vaſalli*, that cuckolded their maſters, were ſaid *cucurbitare dominos ſuos*. Why, I can't conceive: whether, becauſe after the *cucurbitation* the woman's waſte, or the man's head, protuberated like a *cucurbita*; or becauſe the gourd naturally ſwells and bumps out, and has the proper epithet of *tumid*, and in the *Priapeia* is called *feminoſa*; or becauſe ſilly ſtupid fellows are ſaid *lippire cucurbitas*, & *cucurbitarum cazita habere*, as cuckolds have horns. Or perhaps, after all, (ſince in ſo dubious a point of Learning there's room for conjecture,) the expreſſion had its riſe from the uſe of the *cucurbita*, which beſides a gourd, ſignifies alſo a *cupping glaſs*. Now Celſus in his Chap. *de ſanguinis detractione per cucurbitulas*, ſays they are uſed, either when the *materia quæ intus eſt lædit*, or *ubi eſt inflatio*.

But to return, I'll venture to aſſure you, that not only MILTON, and SHAKESPEAR, and WALLER, but all our beſt Poets are full of falſe Lections, that make them read flat and below themſelves, if not talk nonſenſe. For a demonſtration of what I ſay, I'll here give you ſome lines, with notes upon 'em, of a ſatyr of my Lord R—— &c.

Thus far was order'd by the Society to be printed: but the criticiſms that follow were thought proper to

* *Paradiſe loſt*, Book VII.

be omitted, becauſe to have inſerted them would have been *actum agere*. For all the readings, which this learned Gentleman mentions, have been reſtored in the accurate editions of my L. ROCHESTER's Poems, publiſhed by the learned KIRLEUS, which are the moſt compleat, and are uſed by the venerable *Mothers* of Drury-lane in their families.

Our worthy Preſident, the moſt antient of Critics, intirely approved of the reading above-mentioned; and ſaid, that to be convinced of the juſtneſs of it, one need only caſt ones eye upon the context:

Then Herbs of every leaf, that ſudden flour'd,
Opening their various colours, and made gay
Her boſom ſmelling ſweet: and theſe ſcarce blown,
Forth flouriſh'd thick the cluſtring Vine, forth crept
The ſmelling Gourd, up ſtood the corny Reed,
Embattell'd in her field: &c.

Where it is not at all probable, that MILTON would uſe the epithet *ſmelling* twice, within the compaſs of three lines. He added, that this learned Gentleman had as well the true ſtile, as the penetration of a Critic; and that he hoped he would favour the Society, not only with more of his Remarks upon MILTON, but likewiſe with ſome upon SHAKESPEAR and WALLER. That by his aſſiſtance Dr. ZOILUS would be better enabled to go on with his intended Edition of the firſt, Mr. THEOBALD to compleat that of the ſecond, and Mr. MÆVIUS to undertake a new one of the third. That thus it would evidently appear, by three ſignal inſtances, how much ſuperior our Editions are, to thoſe of our inveterate Enemies; particularly Mr. POPE and Mr. FENTON; who have injuriouſly incroached upon a province, which has, by a preſcription time out of mind, peculiarly belonged to the Gentlemen of our Society.

This Account was read before the Society, and ordered to be printed.

Die Mercurii Mar. 25. 1730. BAVIUS.

LONDON.

THURSDAY, *March* 19.

By a Letter yeſterday from Farnham in Surry we learn, that 5 or 6 Felons in Masks went the latter end of laſt week with Guns, &c. into the Park, to the Keeper's lodge, broke the windows, and fired in at the window of the Room where the Keeper lay, and wounded him; (for taking away, as they pretended, the Dog of *Black Will*, a fellow noted in that Country) and afterwards carried off ſeveral Deer. Next day *Black Will*'s houſe was ſearched, and they found one whole Deer, and the heads of four others; but the carcaſſes were moved off. After the Fellows had robbed the Park, they went and robbed a Gentleman's Fiſh ponds in that neighbourhood of a vaſt quantity of fiſh. Strict ſearch is made after theſe Felons. *D. Poſt.*

This week one Richard Jones of Chelſea was committed to the Gatehouſe in Weſtminſter, on a charge of marrying three Wives, one of whom hath been committed to Newgate for Felony, her former Husband being living. *Ibid.*

They write from Weymouth, March 16. That the day before came in there the Elizabeth of Dartmouth, Capt. Cooper, for Newfoundland; ſhe ſailed from Dartmouth the 23d paſt, and on the 7th inſtant, in Latitude 44 Degrees, and about 100 Leagues from the Lizard they met with a violent Gale of wind about the W. S. W. which ſplit her main-ſail all to pieces, and a Sea broke in upon her on the Broadſide, which waſhed her Boat and Firehearth overboard, with three of her mariners; her goods likewiſe were ſhifted in the Hold, which has received much damage, as has likewiſe the Hull of the Veſſel. *Ibid.*

On tueſday, being St. Patrick's day, the tutelar Saint of Ireland, their Majeſties and the reſt of the Royal family, wore Croſſes in honour of that nation. *Even. Poſt.*

Roger Johnſon in Newgate is about diſpoſing of his effects, viz. Jewels, Rings and Plate of a conſiderable value, in order to pay his 800 l. Fine, and have his liberty. *Ibid. S. James's*, and *Lond. Even.*

On friday night laſt Mr. Taylor, a maſter of a ſhip, having been at Weſtminſter, and got pretty much in liquor, his friend put him into a Coach, and ordered a Porter to go with him; when he was ſet down, his wife examined his pockets, and miſs'd 6 Guineas, and a French Guinea; the Porter being afterwards found at his lodgings, and ſearched, the money was taken upon him; and being carried before a Magiſtrate, he was that night ſent to the Gatehouſe, and thence removed to Newgate. *Whitehall Evening.*

One of the yeomen of the Guards was ſuſpended on monday laſt for taking money from ſeveral perſons the day before, for letting them in to ſee their Majeſties dine in publick. *Ibid.*

Laſt night died, at his houſe in Bedford-Row, Richard Mead, Eſq; who has left his eſtate, upwards of 100,000 l. to Henry Bromley, Eſq; Knight of the Shire for the County of Cambridge, who married Miſs Wyndham, (Daughter of Francis Wyndham, Eſq; and Grand-daughter of the late Sir Francis Wyndham, of Trent, in Somerſetſhire, Bar.) his Niece. *Lond. Even.*

FRIDAY, *March* 20.

Yeſterday was held a General Court of the Bank of England, when their Governor acquainted them, that it was the opinion of the Court of Directors, that a Dividend of 3 per Cent. might be made for the half year, ending at Lady-day next; the warrants to be iſſued and made payable on or before the 16th of April; which was accordingly ordered. The Governor then acquainted them, that the Directors had judged it incumbent on them to acquaint the Proprietors, that there was no expectation of their continuing ſo large a Dividend. *Courant.*

The Marqueſs of Carnarvon's Lady is greatly indiſpoſed at the Duke of Chando's houſe in St. James's-ſquare, and being far advanced in her pregnancy, that noble family are under great apprehenſions leſt her Ladyſhip's illneſs may be attended with any ill conſequences. *D. Poſt.*

SATURDAY, *March* 21.

There are ſome Letters in town which mention the death of the Chevalier at Rome after a few days illneſs; but this wants Confirmation. *Applebee's.*

The Roads between *Acton* and *Tyburn* being exceedingly bad, notwithſtanding the great ſums, which have been collected by the *Turnpike*, we hear the perſons, who have contracted with the *Commiſſioners* to mend them (for which they had a very ample allowance) will be proſecuted with the utmoſt rigour; and it is hoped that This will be an Example to others, who pervert the laudable Deſigns of the *Legiſlature* in the ſame manner. *Craftſ.*

We hear that the Lord Viſcount Townſhend was as laſt night to reſign the Seals as one of his Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State. *Univerſal Spectator.*

Yeſterday the Transfer Books of the Eaſt-India Company were ſhut up, and will be opened on the 9th of April next. *Courant.*

When the Expreſs arrived in Scotland for the Earl of Weems to come to London, the Counteſs fell extreamly ill, on hearing of her Father's Misfortunes: her Ladyſhip hath ſeven Children now living, the ſecond Son is named Francis-Chartres, and hath a very handſome Proviſion made for him by his Grand-father. *Daily Poſt.*

Yeſterday at a Court held at Bridewell the following Gentlemen were elected Governors of that Hoſpital and Bethlem, viz. Mr John Cox, Edward Fellows, Eſq; Mr. Richard Woodward, of Exchange Ally, Dr. John Bamber, Simon Urlin, Eſq; Serjeant at Law, and chief Judge of the Sheriff's Court, Mr. David Chitty, Mr. William Woodhall, Mr. Ambroſe Wilſon, Mr. John Cumer, Mr. Thomas Haſſel, Mr. Robert Pycroft Samuel Clarke, Eſq; James Stone Eſq; Mr. John Homer, Mr. Edward Gilbert, Mr. John Watts, Operator of the teeth in Fleet-ſtreet; and the uſual Staves order'd to be carry'd to them, by the Steward and Beadles. *Ibid.*

The Lord Viſcount Townſhend is going to reſide conſtantly at his Seat at Raynham Hall in Norfolk. *Ibid.*

On Thurſday Evening, a poor Woman going along the Borough of Southwark, near St. George's Church, where ſome old Buildings were pulling down, and not regarding the Caution given her, a Beam fell on her, and cruſh'd her to Death. *Daily Journal.*

We hear that by the exceſſive Rains which have lately fallen, divers Meadows and Paſtures about Windſor have been overflowed, and the banks broken down, by the Current of the River Thames in that part. *Ev. Poſt.*

A ſuit, we hear, is going to be commenced by order of the Treaſury, againſt the High-Bailiff of Weſtminſter, touching his Seizure of Col. Chartres's Goods and Chattels in the Liberty of Weſtminſter: John Edwin, Eſq; laying claim to them by vertue of a Grant of K. Charles II. to his Father and his Heirs, &c. of the Office of Proprietor of the Waſte and Soil in the ſaid Liberty of Weſtminſter, *St. James's Even.*

The ſaid High Bailiff hath detain'd all Col. Chartres's Caſh in the hands of Mr. Drummond, Goldſmith at Charing Croſs. *Ibid.*

One Mrs. Ray, a Maiden Confectioner in Biſhopſgate ſtreet, was buried laſt Sunday Night in the Church of little St. Hellen's, in the following Manner, according to her will, viz. ſhe was dreſs'd in a laced Head, with a white Top-knot, and white Sarſnet hood, a lac'd holland Shift, white kid Gloves, a pair of white Silk Stockings with black Clocks, and a pair of white work'd Shoes trimm'd with black, and ſix elderly Maids held up her Pall. Enquiry was made a day or two afterwards, whether any Grave Robbers had paid her a Viſit, but it is preſum'd they were engag'd on other buſineſs in the Street, and had no Intelligence of it, ſo that ſhe was found to have lain quiet enough. She was buried in a black Coffin with white Nails, but no plate on it, by reaſon no body ſhould know her age. *Ibid.*

In the preceeding paragraph for ſix elderly Maids *read* ſix young Ladies. ~~*I think her Friends need not have been ſo much afraid of Grave robbers: for I apprehend there was no great danger; but that ſhe, who had* lain ſo quiet *all her life, would* lye quiet *ſtill.*~~

MONDAY, *March* 23.

Yeſterday morning at his Majeſty's Chappel Royal at St. James's 7 Prieſts and 2 Deacons were ordained by the Right Rev. Dr. Smallbrook, Lord Biſhop of St. David's. *Poſt Boy.*

The ſame day, being Palm-ſunday, their Majeſties and the Royal Family went to the Chappel of St. James's; the ſword of State was carried by his Grace the Duke of Manchester, and the Sermon preached by the Right Rev. Dr. Wynne, Lord Biſhop of Bath and Wells, in the room of his Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of Canterbury. *Ibid.*

The ſame day divine Service was performed before his Royal Highneſs the Duke, the Princeſs Mary and Louiſa, by the Rev. Dr. Tyrwhit, in his Highneſs's apartment. *Ibid.*

His Grace the Duke of Bedford is very much indiſpoſed at his houſe in Bloomsbury-ſquare. *Ibid.*

On friday laſt a Tripeman's ſervant was ſent to Clare-market, on ſome particular buſineſs; but he attempting to knock down an Ox in a ſlaughter-houſe there, and the rope breaking with which he was tied, the beaſt ruſhed upon him, and gored his body in ſuch a dangerous manner, that he lies now in a languiſhing condition. *Ibid.*

The Meaſles are come out on the Marchioneſs of Carnarvon ſince her being brought to bed, but proving a very kind ſort, they are under no apprehenſions of any bad conſequences. *D. Poſt.*

Yeſterday at 2 in the morning the Lord Viſcount Galway's Lady departed this life at his Lordſhip's houſe in Brook-ſtreet near Hanover-ſquare; ſhe was ſiſter to his Grace the Duke of Rutland. *Ibid.*

Money is ſent to Portſmouth, to pay his Majeſty's Ship the Lively to the 31ſt of October laſt. *Ibid.*

Money is alſo ſent to Plymouth to pay off his Majeſty's Ship the Saphire, which lately came from the Weſt-Indies. *Ibid.*

TUESDAY, *March* 24.

Yeſterday came on the Election of a Member of Parliament for the Borough of St. Alban's, in the room of Caleb Lomax, Eſq; deceaſed. The Candidates were Thomas Gape, Eſq; and——Braſſey, Eſq; at 4 in the afternoon the latter threw up the Poll, which then ſtood thus:

For Thomas Gape, Eſq;——386
——— Braſſey, Eſq; ——136

Whereupon Mr. Gape was declared duly elected. *Poſt Boy.*

The Daily Journal *ſays*, the Candidates were Thomas Gape, Eſq; and ——— Braſſey, Eſq; when the former was elected by great majority, viz.

For Mr. Gape ——— 399
For Mr. Braſſey — — 165

Majority for M. Gape ——— 234

Yeſterday morning the Lord Viſcount Townſhend ſet out from his houſe at St. James's, with a great retinue, for his ſeat at Raynham-hall in Norfolk, for about three weeks. *Ibid.*

Yeſterday as the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons was paſſing in his Coach of State to Weſtminſter, the Coach broke down over againſt the Cockpit at Whitehall, ſo that he was obliged to diſmiſs his attendants, and take a Chair to the houſe. *D. Poſt.*

Laſt ſunday fortnight 11 perſons croſſing the river Merſey, near Warrington-bridge, out of Lancaſhire into Cheſhire, in a Cock-boat belonging to a Hoy at Anchor in the ſame river, which accidentlaly ran againſt the Rope, and was over-ſet: 7 of them periſhed in the water, and the reſt narrowly eſcaped being drowned. *Daily Journal.*

We hear that the pretenſions of John and Thomas Edwin, Eſq; to the effects of Col. Chartres, ſeized in George-ſtreet, Hanover-ſquare, are waved; Mr. Morrice appearing to act under the juſt and legal title of Leſſee to the Dean and Chapter of Weſtminſter, of the ſoil and waſte thereof, for which he pays, purſuant to the Leaſe made, at his firſt entrance on his poſt 100 l. per Ann. and that their claim, as by Charter from K. Charles I. extends only to the diſtricts of the palace. *Ibid.*

In our quotation from the St. James's Evening *of Saturday was read* by a Grant of K. Charles II. *Which of those is the true reading we muſt omit determining till thoſe two Authors have debated the Caſe before the Society.*

Charles Delafaye, Eſq; Under-ſecretary to his Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle's Office, is dangerouſly ill, he being attended by ſeveral Phyſicians. *Ibid.*

Weſtminſter, March 24. His Majeſty came this day to the Houſe of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes, ſeated on the Throne with the the uſual Solemnity, Sir Charles Dalton, Gentleman Uſher of the Black Rod, was ſent with a Meſſage from his Majeſty to the Houſe of Commons, commanding their attendance in the Houſe of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, his Majeſty was pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to

" An Act for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, and " for the better payment of the Army and their Quarters.

" An Act to enable his Majeſty to prohibit any Per- " ſon or Perſons, his Majeſty's ſubjects, or reſiding with- " in this Kingdom, to advance or lend any ſum or ſums " of Money to any foreign Prince, State or Potentate, " without licence obtained from his Majeſty under his " Privy Seal, or ſome greater Authority.

" An Act for providing a Maintenance for the Mini- " ſter of the Pariſh Church of St. Mary Stratford-Bow, " in the County of Middleſex.

" An Act for making more effectual an Act paſſed " in the eleventh year of the Reign of his late Majeſty " King George the firſt, for repairing and widening the " Road from Sherbrook Hill, near Buxton, and Chap- " pel in the Frith, in the County of Derby, to Manche- " ſter, in the County of Lancaſter.

" An Act for making more effectual an Act paſſed in " the twelfth year of the Reign of his late Majeſty " King George the firſt, for repairing the Roads there- " in mentioned, between Crachley Bank, in the Pariſh of " Idſall, alias Shiffdall, and the Town of Shrewsbury, in " the County of Salop.

And to ſeven private Bills. *Gazette.*

WEDNESDAY, *March* 25.

On ſaturday next the fine new Market-houſe in Bloomsbury will be opened, and Markets held there 3 times a week. Country Higlers will, we hear, have their ſtandings free from Rent, Stallage, and Pickage, for one whole year. The Market for Hay now kept there is to be removed to Broad St. Giles's. *Courant*, and *D. Poſt.*

On Sunday laſt Mr. Yates, Keeper of the Bell Alehouſe in Hart-ſtreet, Covent Garden, was committed to the Gatehouſe by Juſtice Bourke, for keeping a diſorderly Houſe; and yeſterday he was bailed out before the ſaid Juſtice. *Daily Journ.*

Guildford, Mar. 23. This day ended the Aſſizes for this County, at which a very merry Trial came on, upon an Indictment preferr'd by George Welling againſt Lucy Berry, and the Proſecutor having given Evidence, the Court were convinced of the Proſecutor's being a Woman, and conſequently —; upon which Lucy Berry was acquitted. *Ibid.*

Edinburgh, March 10. We hear from Sterling, that on friday laſt the Juſtices of peace of that Shire held their quarter Seſſions, and had information given them againſt James and John Mc. Feats, meſſengers, &c. for oppreſſing the Leiges; the ſaid John Mc. Feat having extorted from one man 37l. ſterling, for putting a Caption in execution againſt him for 8l. ſterling, and it being prov'd, the ſaid Juſtices, by their ſentence, ordain'd him to make Reſtitution of the money ſo wrongfully extorted, and to be whipt and baniſhed the Shire; the ſaid James and others abſconded, otherwiſe they would have had the like Fate. *Cour. Poſt Boy*, and *D. Poſt.*

Edinburgh, March 13. Yeſterday the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly affirmed the ſentence of the ſynod of Angus and Mearns, depoſing the Rev. Mr. John Glaſs from the Office of the Holy Miniſtry. *Courant* and *D. Poſt, March* 21.

Dublin, March 14. A few nights paſt one Fitzgerald, a proclaimed Robber, and great Horſe-ſtealer, was apprehended on Eſſex Bridge, where he had appointed a Rendezvous, but was betrayed by a Whore whom he converſed with: He had, when ſeized, a charged Piſtol ſlung under one of his arms, two halters, and a collar for horſes, a key for forcing horſe-locks, and ſome files: ſince his confinement in Newgate, ſeveral perſons who lately loſt horſes from the lands about this city, have been with him, and made diſcoveries where ſeveral of their Cattle were ſold, or otherwiſe diſpoſed of. *Cour.*

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *March* 19.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail due from France.

Liſbon, Feb. 16. N. S. On the 29th paſt died here, aged 118 years full out, Senhor Manuel de Sequiera, who was in the ſervice of the Crown when King John IV. was proclaimed in the year 1640. Alſo on the 5th inſtant died, in the Monaſtery of Eſperanza in this City, where ſhe was a lay ſiſter, Jane de la Crux, aged 117 years, and in the 80th year of her profeſſion. *Poſt Boy.*

The weather is very unſettled, but the ſickneſs is at an end. The Rebellion in Corſica, (of which I adviſed you in my laſt) is a manner quelled; the Rebels being divided among themſelves, have cut off two of their Chiefs, and about 20 others: The Genoeſe are ſending 3 Gallies and ſome Barks with ſoldiers, to compleat their reduction. *D. Journ.*

Amſterdam, March 25. N. S. Our laſt Letters from Berlin adviſe, that upon certain information of the great preparation of war that are making by ſome of our neighbours, the King of Pruſſia had ſent his commands to 12 Battalions and 50 Squadrons to begin their march from Pruſſia, by the Routs aſſigned them for that purpoſe: That Magazines were erecting at Magdenburg, ſufficient to maintain an army of 80,000 men for ſeveral weeks, and that his Pruſſian Majeſty had ſent an Expreſs to Moſcow to deſire the Court to keep in readineſs the 24,000 Ruſſians they are engaged to furniſh in caſe his Territories be attacked by any foreign power. Theſe Letters add, notwithſtanding, that in all appearance theſe differences will ſhortly be accommodated in a friendly way: That the Secretary of France had frequent conferences with the miniſters; that Brigadier du Bourgay frequented the Court more than ordinary; and that they impiently expected the arrival of new miniſters from Great Britain and Holand. *St. James's Even. Poſt.*

SATURDAY, *March* 21.

The affairs of Italy continue to grow every day, as to all outward Appearance, rather worſe than better; and yet we are continually told, that they will be ſpeedily brought to an happy accomodation; which looks ſomewhat like the aſſurance of a *French* Quack, who endeavoured to convince his Patient, under an increaſing Diſtemper, that every *bad ſymptom was all for the better. Craftſman.*

Our advices from Germany give us the ſame inconſiſtent account of the Congreſs of *Brunſwick*, the Negotiations there are attended, ſay they, with *more Difficulties than ever*; and yet it is generaly believed that a method will be ſoon found out to *adjuſt all the matters in diſpute.* We preſume by the *Miniſter*, who is lately ſet out from hence for the Court of *Berlin*; for we may be convinc'd by the Congreſs of *Soiſſons*, and the Treaty of *Seville*, that *Britiſh Miniſters are almoſt able to work* Miracles. *Ibid.*

We hear from *Rome*, that Cardinal *Coſcia*, the *upſtart Favourite*, and *prime Miniſter* of his late Holineſs, continues to abſcond himſelf, in order to avoid the fury of the Populace, whom he burthen'd with grievous Taxes and Impoſitions, during his late Adminiſtration: from whence we may learn, that even the moſt *abject, ſlaviſh People* will endeavour to revenge themſelves of an *oppreſſive Miniſter*, when he is *out of power. Ibid.*

Hague, March 24. N. S. Sir Charles Hotham arrived here from England on the 21ſt inſtant at night, the next day he viſited the Great Penſionary, M. Fagel, and other Miniſters of this State; and yeſterday morning he ſet out for Utrecht, thence to proceed to the Court of Berlin. Yeſterday morning Baron Ginkel ſet out likewiſe for Berlin, by the way of Venlo, of which he is Governor. *Gazette.*

This day arrived a Mail from Holland.

Vienna, March 15. In an article in the Holſtein Gazette publiſhed here, there is an account from Moſcow of the 13th of February, giving to underſtand, that the Empreſs of Ruſſia had reſolved to live in good Neighbourhood with his Imperial Majeſty of Germany; and that the 30,000 Men, as ſtipulated by Treaty for ſuccours to his Majeſty in caſe of a Rupture, were ready to march on the firſt notice. *St. James's Evening.*

A Courier is arrived here from London, which, as 'tis ſaid, has brought a new project of the ſeveral Powers concerned for preſerving the Peace of Europe; and ſeveral other Couriers are arrived from Spain and Italy corroborating the ſame; however, nothing was wanting to prepare here for a vigorous defence in caſe of a war. *Ibid.*

MONDAY, *March* 23.

On ſaturday arrived the Mail due from Holland.

Ratiſbon, March 19. N. S. We are aſſured that the Emperor, to ſhew his inclination to peace, and to put an end the differences about the Introduction of the Infant Don Carlos into Italy, has made ſuch a propoſal to the Allies of Hanover, as they will hardly reject. *Poſt Boy.*

Frankfort, March 21. It was currently reported yeſterday, that the Landgrave of Heſſe-Caſſel was dead. It is certain, according to the beſt advices from thence, that may be depended upon, he was ſo ill that they deſpaired of his life. It is rumoured, that the King of Poland has offered the Emperor a conſiderable body of Saxon Troops; but upon condition nevertheleſs that they ſhall not be employed in the Empire, or in Germany. It is ſaid too, that no more Imperial troops will be permitted to paſs through the territories of Bavaria, in their way to Italy. *Daily Poſt.*

Hamburgh, March 21. Our laſt advices from Hanover import, that the expreſs which had been ſent to Berlin, was returned, with Letters that gave occaſion to various diſcourſes; that, however, the Hanoverian ſubjects, lately inliſted as they were going to Munden, were releaſed without any difficulty, by order of the King of Pruſſia; and that his Pruſſian Majeſty has expreſly forbid his officers to take into his ſervice for the future any Hanoverian ſubject, which is regarded as a good ſtep towards reſtoring a harmony and friendſhip between the two Courts. *Ibid.*

TUESDAY, *March* 24.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail due from France.

Paris, March 29. N. S. Mademoiſelle le Couvreur, one of the fineſt actreſſes upon the French Stage, died laſt week, reckoned worth 160,000 Livres. She has left her ſiſter a contract of 479 Livres a year, and 3000 Livres in ready money, but her univerſal Legatee is M. d'Argentat, Counſellor in the Parliament. *Courant.*

Munich, March 16. N. S. On the 14th inſtant arrived here an expreſs diſpatched by the General Count Minutzi from Venice, with advice, that the Electreſs Dowager of Bavaria died that morning at half an hour after two, of a Fever, occaſioned by a violent Cholick, aged fifty four years, being born March 4. 1676. That Princeſs was named Tereſa, Cunigunda, and was daughter to John Sobieski, King of Poland. She was married in 1694 to Maximilian-Emanuel, Elector of Bavaria, who died in 1726. *Ibid.*

Hague, March 31. N. S. Yeſterday came advice, that the Landgrave of Heſſe-Caſſel died on Sunday laſt, and that Prince William has taken upon him the Adminiſtration, 'till orders come from the King of Sweden. Yeſterday an Expreſs was ſent from hence, with new Inſtructions for General Groveſtein, who is at Paris *Gaz.*

This day arrived a Mail from Holland.

Boulogn, March 14. The Marquis de Monteleon, Ambaſſador of Spain, is paſſed by here in his way to Rome; from whence we learn, that the Cardinal's Belluga, Davia, and Pica were ill in the Conclave; that ſeveral Scrutinies had been already made, in one of which the Cardinal Imperiali had 7 voices, the Cardinal Falconieri 8, and the Cardinal Borgheſi 5; that the Cardinals created by Benedict XIII were ſtrongly united, and it was believed the Election would fall on Cardinal Marcoſchi, who is one of this laſt Creation. *Whitehall Even.*

WEDNESDAY, *March* 25.

Leghorn, March 11. Our laſt letters from Cadiz and Barcelona confirm the great Preparations there for the Imbarkation of Spaniſh Troops. *D. Journal.*

Vienna, March 18. N. S. We have Advice from Conſtantinople, that the young Sophi of Perſia, commonly called Prince Thamas, had at laſt the good Fortune to recover the capital City of Iſpahan; and that Sultan Eſreff was retired with a ſmall Body of Men. On the 14th Orders were ſent to the reſpective Battallions and Squadrons deſigned for Calabria, to march to Fiume, by the Routes before laid down to them. The Maſters of the Ships that are to carry them from thence to Reggio, inſiſt upon five Florins per Man, becauſe they ſhall have no Freight back. More Bakers are newly contracted with; and double diligence is uſed in raiſing Recruits, the Drum being ordered to beat for compleating the Regiments of Horſe, the Recruits for which have hitherto been raiſed without any publick Notice. This looks more and more and more like a War in Italy. Orders are moreover ſent to Iſtria, Naples, and Sicily, not to ſuffer any more laden Ships to depart from the Harbours there, for Portugal, Spain, or the Levant. Our depends upon the Succour of 30,000 Men from Muſcovy, to ſecure Hungary againſt any Enterprizes of the Turks; and, we are told, that next month will come out an Imperial manifeſto, containing the reaſons why the Emperor is obliged to oppoſe the Introduction of Spaniſh Troops into Italy, and the deſigns of the Allies of Seville. We expect to hear very ſoon of the arrival of the two Counts Coningſek at Paris from Spain; and if our Information be true, the two Counts Kinski, who are at the Courts of England and France, will forthwith be recalled. *Poſt Boy.*

Hague, March 31. They write from Turin, that the K. of Sardinia was much indiſpoſed of a Fever. *Ibid.*

The Courſe of the Exchange.

Amſterdam	34 a 4	Bilboa	42 7 8ths
Ditto at Sight	34 1	Leghorn	51 7 8ths
Rotterdam	34 5	Genoa	54 7 8ths
Antwerp	35 2	a 5.	
Hamburgh	33 1	Venice	49 7 8ths
Paris at Sight	32 5 8ths	Lisbon	5s. 6d. ¼
Bourdeaux at ſight	32 1 half	a 2 8ths.	
Cadiz	42 5 8ths	Porto	5s. 5d. ¾
Madrid	43	Dublin	12

Prices of Goods at *Bear Key* on Tueſday.

	per Quarter		per Quarter
Wheat	— 22 to 28	Hog Peas	— 17 to 20
Rye	— 19 to 16	Boiling Peas	—23 to 25
Barley	— 14 to 16 6	Pale Malt	— 19 to 23
Oats	— 9 to 15	Brown Malt	— 19 to 22 6
Horſe Beans	20 to 25	Tares	— 24 to 28

Coals 2 3s. to 24s. per Chaldron.
Hops 1728 — 20 s. to 37 s. per Hundred.
Hops 1729 — 30 s. to 55 s. per Hundred.
Rape Seed 14 l. to 15 l. 10 s. per Laſt.

On Tueſday Stocks were

South-Sea 102 1 8th to 102 1 4th, 102 3 8ths. Annuities 106 3 8ths. Bank 104 1 half, for the opening. Bank Circulation 6l. 10 s. Premium. India 186 1 4th, for the opening. Three per Cent. Annuity 94 7 8ths. African 42. Royal Exchange Aſſurance 89. London Aſſurance 12, Books ſhut. York Buildings 16 1 half to 5 8ths. Engliſh Copper 3 l. 13 s. Welch ditto 1 l. 13 s. South Sea Bonds 4 l. 2 s. Premium. India Bonds 5 l. 2 s. ditto.

The General Shipping LIST.

Ships arriv'd at and ſail'd from Great Britain, from March 17, to March 24.

Ships	Captains	From	For
	Briſtol.		
Arrived.			
16. Seville Pack.	Davis	Alicant	
18 Patience	Bowles	Jamaica	
20 Joſeph & Ann	Cupples	ditto	
———	Norman	N. England	
	Bediford.		
15 St. Cecilia	Jourdain	Oporto	London
	Falmouth.		
13 Philippa	Hawkins	Canaries	
17 Olive-branch	———	Penzance	Hav. de Grace
Greyhound	——	Dungarven	Gibraltar
18 S. Domingo	———	Calais	Rochel
K. George Pack.	Leane	Lisbon	
19 Eagle Packet	Emmet	Corunna	
	Plymouth.		
17 Terra nova	Soaper	Hamburgh	Malaga
Minerva	Pitt	Tinmouth	Newfoundla.
	Weymouth.		
16 Elizabeth	Cooper, who ſailed from Dartmouth, 23d of Feb. for Newfoundland, and on the 7th of March met with a violent Gale of wind, by which ſhe was forc'd back again having received damage.		
17 & 18 Neptune	Lawrence	London	Malaga
Preſton	Hallum	ditto	Lisbon
Britannia	Peddy	ditto	ditto
Antelope	Morris	ditto	ditto
George	Gillup	Leith	ditto
Sam. & Rebec.	Cock	Yarmouth	Briſtol
Nancy	Lithgoe	London	Africa
Friend's Adven.	Moore	Rotterdam	ditto
Cornwall	Skinner	London	Genoa
Conſtantine	Wright	ditto	Philadelphia
Dragon	Baron	Oſtend	Gibraltar
Ruſſel	Bayly	London	N. England
Goodfellow	Sanders	ditto	Leghorn
Britannia	Kelſey	ditto	Cadiz
19 & 20 Elizabeth	Lee	ditto	Carolina
Sudbury	Mackenzie	Stockholm	Briſtol
Halifax	Proctor	London	Gibraltar
Globe	Winſton	ditto	Cheſter
Pr. Frederick	Fenton	Hamburgh	Lisbon
Bedwell	Wade	London	Mediterrane.
	Cowes.		
16 Supply	Randall	———	Maryland
Albany	Bryant	———	New York
Reſignation	Springold	Rotterdam	Streights
Mary	Huggle	ditto	ditto
17 Rudge	Prince	Pool	Rochel
Ann	Mackrell	Newfoundla.	London
Fanny	Giles	London	Lisbon
Sarah	Barret	ditto	Carolina
Succeſs	Hammond	ditto	Oporto
Concluſion	Pennell	Yarmouth	Cork
Amelia	Brooks	London	Jamaica
Concordia	Numels	Hamburgh	Bourdeaux.
James & John	Moore	Rye	Oporto
	Southampton.		
18 George & Jane	Allez	Guernſey	
Friendſhip	Janverin	Oporto	
	Portſmouth.		
15 Ann & Elizab.	Ayres	Dunkirk	
Katherine	Drake	Havre	Oſtend
17 Charm. Nancy	———	Hamburgh	
Eleanor	Hill	ditto	Madera
Molly	Wharton	Rotterdam	Lisbon
Fancy	Dagliſh	ditto	ditto
Succeſs	Hammond	———	Oporto
Molleneaux	Beard	———	ditto
Batſon	Cook	———	ditto
Eagle	Dornford	———	N. England
Providence	Gorgiſon	Longſound	Plymouth
18 Marg. & Eliz.	Greggs	Cephalonia	Hamburgh
	Dover.		
16 Providence	Mead	———	Ireland
21 Cheſter Sloop	Carter	———	S. Kitts
	Downs bound home.		
17 Sarah	Blake	Lisbon	
Han. & Elizab.	Jones	Cadiz	
Malaga Merch.	Goulding	Malaga	
Succeſs	Dornford	Canaries	
Sea Nymph	Forſter	Carolina	
John	Colvert	ditto	
Tagus	Hughes	Lisbon	
	Graveſend bound home.		
16 Depthford	Metcalf	Oſtend	
Jane & Margar.	Hedley	Amſterdam	
Gotten. Merch.	Mackenzie	Stockholm	
Reward	Moore	Cheſter	
17 Sarah & Eliz.	Shepherd	Seville	
Iſabella	Dickenſon	Amſterdam	
Anaſtatia	Nicholls	Canaries	
Charm. Jane	Hume	Camphire	
19 Hope	Carſtens	Hamburgh	
Hannah & Eliz.	Jones	Cadiz	
Royal Vineyard	Brown	Calais	
Fortune	Vanderſmiſſe.	Hamburgh	
	Graveſend bound out.		
17 Sarah & Hannah	Scott	———	Maderas
Lovely Betty	Marſhall	———	ditto
John & Martha	Calkin	———	Dublin
Joſiah	Hales	———	Dantſick
St. Peter	Waſho	———	Hamburgh
18 Eſther	Kenwood	——	Lisbon
Lammorborgh	Linſey	———	Holland
19 Mary	Hall	———	ditto
Delight	Taylor	———	ditto
Anne and Eliz.	Long	failed out of the Downs the 22d	Antigua
Eliz. and Mary	Maples	———	France
Charles	Cromare	———	ditto
20 Katherine	Taylor	———	ditto
Sarah	Erving	———	N. England
Eagle	Stanton	———	Streights
21 Prince William	Pugſley	———	ditto
Henry	Bewerſon	———	Sound
Three Siſters	Jemſon	———	Germany
Patapſico	Lux	failed out of the Downs the 22d	Maryland
22 Cazer	Sharp	———	Riga
Deſire	Ballard	———	Dantzic
	Falmouth.		
	Sailed. For		
16 Townſend Pac.	———	Corunna	
	Dartmouth.		
17 Amy	Kinby	London	
	Portſmouth.		
15 Providence	Begnell	Lisbon	
Nightingal	Robinſon	Dieppe	
14 Providence	Saunders	Gibraltar	
	Dover		
15 Maidſtone	Lawrence	Malaga	
16 Auguſt	Hobbs	Camphere	
Ann	Hill	Amſterdam	
	Downs bound out.		

All ſailed the 22d.

MISFORTUNES.

Eliz. of Newcaſtle, Atkinſon, bound from Stockholm to London, ſtruck on Harborow Sand the 8th of March, but got off, and afterwards ſunk near Yarmouth, in 8 fathom water; all the Men ſaved.

George, Verdon, bound from Malaga to Hamburgh, loſt the 12th inſtant near Padſtow; one Perſon ſaved.

Lyndſey, Elliſon, bound from St. Ives to Liverpoole, loſt the 13th inſtant within 4 miles of Liverpoole; her Crew ſaved.

The Ship of Peter Helt, bound from London to St. Ubes, loſt in the Channel.

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